GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MODERN WEIGHING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether new modern weighing machines are currently being used by traders in the country for weighing goods sold by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the types of machines being used;

(c) the norms/rules regarding sealing and other requirements of such machines;

(d) whether the said norms/rules are not being complied with;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASIIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Technological upgradation is a continuous process and the term `modern` is subjective.Depending upon technological improvement new types of weighing machines are brought into market from time to time.

(c): Sealing and other metrological requirements for weighing machines are prescribed in the Standards of Weights and Measures (Generai) Rules,1987.

(d): The State enforcement agencies are responsible for ensuring compliance.This Department is not aware of any complaint regarding general non-compliance of Rules.

e) & f): Does not arise.